GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF CANAL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement a scheme for strengthening of the canal system in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked/released to the State Government during the current year; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the launching of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The State Government of Rajasthan has taken up a scheme namely, Modernization of Gang Canal System for strengthening the Gang Canal System in Rajasthan. The scheme was approved by the Planning Commission in September, 2000 for an estimated cost of Rs. 445.79 crore. The State Government has also taken up another scheme namely Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project (RWSRP) for rehabilitating the canal distribution systems of 91 irrigation projects under the component of Participatory Rehabilitation of Irrigation Projects.

(b) & (c) The State Government has provided budget outlay of Rs. 41.50 crore and Rs. 150.00 crore for Modernization of Gang Canal Systems and RWSRP respectively for the current financial year. The RWSRP is being funded by World Bank. The State Government has proposed Rs. 32.80 crore as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for the year 2005-06. CLA/grant of Rs. 182.535 crore has been provided under AIBP to the State Government for this project up to March, 2005.